

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 721

By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. G. Ross Maroney, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm over their years of industry to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated public servant is Dr. G. Ross Maroney, Sr., who led the congregation of Stones River Baptist Church in Smyrna for twenty-one years; his leadership is credited with establishing the congregation as a cornerstone of the community and the State; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maroney, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors, has taken a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maroney's vision and compassion have catapulted Stones River Baptist Church into becoming a beacon of light for 21st century ministry; during his tenure there, he baptized 843 people, married 361 people, preached 416 funerals, preached 161 revival services, and delivered twelve homecoming messages; and

WHEREAS, during his more than twenty-one years in Middle Tennessee, Dr. Maroney has unselfishly volunteered as chaplain for the police, hospice, Baptist Hospital, Middle Tennessee Medical Center, and Stones Crest Medical Center; he has also served as Chaplain Colonel of the Smyrna Senior and Cadet Composite Squadron and as chaplain of the Peachtree Nursing Home and has worked with churches in Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated servant of his country, Dr. Maroney spent over ten years in the United States Army, including a year in Vietnam, and was given the honor of Soldier of the Year in 1976; and

WHEREAS, under his exemplary leadership, Stones River spent two years in the top twenty churches of its size in the State of Tennessee for number of baptisms; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maroney has held membership in many notable organizations, including Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, the Executive Committee of the Concord Baptist Association, and the Credentials Committee of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Maroney is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Sara; and

WHEREAS, loved and respected by his flock and his community, Dr. Maroney was designated as "Smyrna's Pastor" by a former mayor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. G. Ross Maroney, Sr., exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a public servant, Dr. Maroney has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and the many and diverse members of his congregation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. G. Ross Maroney, Sr., our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, commend him for his many years of honorable service and spiritual inspiration to his community, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.